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Dear Chuck:

To your notes of December 8th.

I don't envy you the job of finding a new editor.

Perry Wilson would certainly be very conscientious in the job and I suspect might be interested to take it although you might have to twist his arm. My only concern is that Perry perhaps tends to be too fussy about details of English. I don't object to setting good examples but I also feel this should not intrude too far on the business of getting out a journal. On the whole, I feel the Editor should keep in mind that an author is entitled to make a reasonable number of mistakes for which he himself is responsible. I'm afraid I do not have any better suggestions for you but if I think of any I will let you know.

As for new members of the Editorial Board, I would like immediately to ask you to delete my name from the list. This is a strictly selfish request. I don't know if you would consider it wise policy to reappoint any number of members. I would think that if you possibly could you should try to keep Koprowski and Stanier on the Board. For more strength in the areas that Roger mentioned, I think that Gunther Stent, Ed Adelberg, and Charlie Yanofsky would all be excellent choices.

Have you thought of asking Luria whether he would take on the Editorship? If he did it I think it would be almost too good to be true.

Yours cordially,

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